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Dear Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

HB 595 extends the sunset deadline set by this committee last legislative session that allows breweries, wineries, and distilleries to deliver their products using their own employees or direct shipping. The bill extends the sunset from the original extended date of June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

While this is a small change, it has a large impact on the approximately 250 business across the state who can ship their products directly to consumers. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way many businesses operate, along with the expectations of consumers. During this time, many businesses invested in infrastructure and staffing components in order to meet the consumer demand for the delivery of their products. The opportunity to ship directly to customers became vital during the pandemic and extending the sunset date will continue to provide these small manufacturing companies with predictability and stability.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation that will have a lasting impact on the small breweries, wineries, and distilleries across Maryland, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lily Qi'.

Delegate Lily Qi